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Honorable Ted Stevens  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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In connection with the inquiry about the El Tejon Ranch the following is submitted:

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We have no information in our records on a Mr. Seal or Mr. Saks.

We are sorry that we could not offer more information on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) William E. Finale

Area Director

cc: Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Office of Controlled Correspondence  
BCCO 7054

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cc: ✓ Central California Agency  
7054 BCCO

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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LOS ANGELES, CA.

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REGIONAL SOLICITOR  
SACRAMENTO AREA

ATTENTION: Tribal Operations ✓

FROM: Area Director's office

SACRAMENTO AREA OFFICE

COMMENTS: Please prepare reply

for Area Director's  
signature w/cc to  
BCCs 7054



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Tribal Government Services  
BCCO-7054

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Dear Senator Stevens:

Thank you for your letter of March 10 in behalf of a constituent requesting some assistance in obtaining information about the Tejon Indians on the Tule River Reservation in California.

Since the affairs of the Tejon Indians on the Tule River Reservation are under the immediate administrative responsibility of Mr. William E. Finale, Area Director, Sacramento Area Office, Federal Office Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, we have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to that office with a request that they provide you the available information on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Sgd. John Geary

Acting

Director, Office of  
Indian Services

cc: Area Director, Sacramento  
w/copy of incoming corres.

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**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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March 10, 1977

Mr. Ralph R. Reeser  
Legislative and Congressional  
Affairs Office  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
1951 Constitution Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20245

Dear Mr. Reeser:

Attached is a communication I have  
recently received.

I would very much appreciate your  
courtesy if you would look into the matter  
described and provide me with any information  
upon which I may base a reply. If possible,  
I would like to assist my correspondent.

Please call my office if you need  
further information.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



TED STEVENS  
United States Senator

Attachment

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